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**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-7 (Canceled).

8. (Previously Presented) A frame signal waveform observation apparatus comprising:

a trigger signal generating apparatus comprising:

a frame synchronous circuit which receives a frame  
5 signal having a predetermined bit rate and outputs a synchronous  
signal in synchronism with an input timing of leading data of the  
frame signal,

a position information output circuit which receives  
the synchronous signal output by the frame synchronous circuit  
10 and outputs position information indicating an input bit position  
of the frame signal,

a position designator which designates an arbitrary bit  
position of the frame signal, and

a trigger signal generating circuit which outputs a  
15 trigger signal at a timing when the position information output  
by the position information output circuit is coincident with the  
arbitrary bit position designated by the position designator; and

a sampling oscilloscope which receives the trigger signal  
output from the trigger signal generating circuit of the trigger  
20 signal generating apparatus, samples the frame signal with a

trigger signal input timing as a reference timing, and acquires and displays waveform information in a neighborhood of the arbitrary bit position designated by the position designator,

wherein the sampling oscilloscope has a function of

25 acquiring the waveform information in the neighborhood of designated arbitrary bit position for a plurality of times and averaging them to thereby display averaged waveform information in the neighborhood of the designated arbitrary bit position in such a manner that a phase variation dependent on a bit pattern  
30 of the frame signal can be measured while suppressing the phase variation of random noise type of the frame signal.

9. (Previously Presented) A frame signal waveform observation apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the frame signal having the predetermined bit rate is transmitted by a digital synchronous network.

10. (Previously Presented) A frame signal waveform observation apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the frame signal transmitted by the digital synchronous network is that of one of a digital synchronous transmission system including a  
5 synchronous digital hierarchy (SDH), synchronous optical network (SONET) and optical transport network (OTN).

11. (Previously Presented) A frame signal waveform observation apparatus according to claim 10, wherein when the frame signal transmitted by the digital synchronous network is associated with the one of the digital synchronous transmission system including SDH, SONET and OTN, and the bit position designated by the position designator is a specified part of an overhead of the frame signal of the digital synchronous transmission system.

12. (Original) A frame signal waveform observation apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the specified part of the overhead of the frame signal of the digital synchronous transmission system is not scrambled.

Claim 13 (Canceled).

14. (Previously Presented) A frame signal waveform observation apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the trigger signal generating apparatus further comprises a clock recovery circuit which receives the frame signal having the predetermined bit rate and recovers and outputs a clock from the frame signal, and

wherein the sampling oscilloscope has a function of acquiring the waveform information of the clock recovered by the

clock recovery circuit and averaging them, whereby a phase  
10 variation of random noise type is suppressed to thereby display  
the waveform information in the neighborhood of the designated  
arbitrary bit position of the frame signal and the averaged  
waveform information of the clock with the phase variation of  
random noise type suppressed.

Claims 15-21 (Canceled).

22. (Previously Presented) A frame signal waveform  
observation method, comprising:

receiving a frame signal having a predetermined bit rate and  
outputting a synchronous signal in synchronism with an input  
5 timing of leading data of the frame signal;  
receiving the synchronous signal and outputting position  
information indicating an input bit position of the frame signal;  
designating an arbitrary bit position of the frame signal;  
outputting a trigger signal at a timing when the position  
10 information is coincident with the designated arbitrary bit  
position;  
receiving the trigger signal, sampling the frame signal with  
a trigger signal input timing as a reference timing, and  
acquiring waveform information of the designated arbitrary bit  
15 position of the frame signal;

acquiring the waveform information in a neighborhood of the designated arbitrary bit position of the frame signal having the predetermined bit rate repeatedly for a plurality of times;

20 averaging the waveform information in the neighborhood of the designated arbitrary bit position of the frame signal acquired for the plurality of times; and

suppressing a phase variation of random noise type of the frame signal and displaying the phase variation dependent on a bit pattern of the frame signal in a measurable way, based on the  
25 waveform information in the neighborhood of the designated arbitrary bit position of the frame signal which have been averaged.

23. (Previously Presented) A frame signal waveform observation method according to claim 22, wherein the frame signal having the predetermined bit rate is transmitted by a digital synchronous network.

24. (Currently Amended) A frame signal waveform observation method according to claim 23, wherein the frame signal transmitted by the digital synchronous network is that of one of a digital synchronous transmission system including a synchronous  
5 digital hierarchy (SDH), synchronous optical network (SONET) and optical transport network (OTN).

25. (Previously Presented) A frame signal waveform observation method according to claim 24, wherein when the frame signal transmitted by the digital synchronous network is associated with the one of the digital synchronous transmission system including SDH, SONET and OTN, and the bit position designated by the position designator is a specified part of an overhead of the frame signal of the digital synchronous transmission system.

26. (Original) A frame signal waveform observation method according to claim 25, wherein the specified part of the overhead of the frame signal of the digital synchronous transmission system is not scrambled.

Claim 27 (Canceled).

28. (Original) A frame signal waveform observation method according to claim 22, further comprising:

receiving the frame signal having the predetermined bit rate and recovering and outputting a clock from the frame signal;

acquiring, by sampling for a plurality of times, the waveform information of the clock recovered from the frame signal;

averaging the waveform information of the clock acquired by  
sampling for a plurality of times; and

10        displaying, as related to each other, averaged waveform  
information of the clock and the averaged waveform information in  
the neighborhood of the designated arbitrary bit position of the  
frame signal in order to make it possible to measure a phase  
variation dependent on a bit pattern of the frame signal by  
15        comparison with the averaged waveform information of the clock  
while suppressing the phase variation of random noise type of the  
frame signal.